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May 29, 2020

Dear Ms. Dixon,

On May 7, 2020, you submitted a waiver request through the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) to resume individual training activities in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, your request for a waiver is APPROVED, assuming the following conditions are met:

- You strictly follow the guidelines in the National Basketball Association's (NBA) re-opening document—including, but not limited to, measures for social distancing, cleaning and disinfectant protocols, wellness checks, and education for staff and players through signage and meetings;
- Please provide to me the contact information for the team physician and the facility hygiene officer;
- Please share with me the educational video for facility use;
- On a weekly basis, please provide to me the required NBA reporting materials you submit to the League;
- Please immediately inform the District of Columbia's Department of Health of any COVID-19 laboratory-confirmed, positive cases at <https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/infectious-diseases>.

We appreciate your prompt transmittal of these materials. We have also received the NBA re-opening guidance document and through that submission, we understand that you are promising to comply with the terms of the NBA guidance. The District believes that as we enter Phase One today, we can learn from your experience as we develop strategies for future phases. We also recognize that unlike other sports and recreational activities that will remain closed during Phase One, this waiver allows professional athletes to return to work on a limited basis in the safest way possible, under strict public health guidelines, and to be in the best position to resume normal operations when that is allowed. That

is, facilitating player conditioning is akin to your minimum business operations—it is not reopening your whole business.

One further condition of this waiver is that you consent to allow inspectors from the DC Department of Health and the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to inspect facilities and practices to verify your compliance with the NBA guidance documents.

Further, if the NBA modifies its guidance, you will come back to us to confirm that you are allowed to proceed with its new terms. Such assent is not automatic on our part. I will be your point of contact.

Again, we appreciate your partnership and look forward to continuing to work with you to learn from this pilot, and to modify its terms as conditions evolve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CR', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Dr. Christopher Rodriguez

Director, HSEMA